



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Authority Having Jurisdiction		
Code Section(s)	§13146, California Health & Safety Code and §101.17.14, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
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1. Does the chief of any city or county fire department have the authority to enforce State building standards for all occupancies other than the Group R, Division 3 that may be delegated to the chief of the fire authority or the building official?

Yes. State Building Standards adopted by the California Building Standards Commission apply to all occupancies throughout the State. This is mandated by State law in Section 18938(b) of the California Health and Safety Code.

2. Does the Health & Safety Code grant the fire chief the authority to enforce State Fire Marshal adopted building standards in all occupancies?

No. At the local level, State Fire Marshal standards are applicable only to SFM-regulated occupancies.

3. Can the local fire department enforce the provisions of Chapters 9 and 10 of the 1998 California Building Code as amended for a Group H Occupancy?

Yes.